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Beginning the Valparaiso University Journey

By Homecoming, Valpo's Class of 2011 will be settled into campus life. The VU Guild has four (give or take) years to provide for their well-being. In order to serve this group of new students, let's look at who they are.

The Office of Admission surveys incoming students to learn a little about their pre-Valpo experiences. Within the Class of 2011, there is an actress who appeared in a Girl Scout Cookie commercial and a person with the license plate "BADRIVR"!

The class has many members who are service-oriented, volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, 4-H, local churches, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Many students are looking forward to participating in recreational sports, writing for *The Torch* and taking part in Chapel activities.

Visit valpo.edu/admissions/admitted/2011 for more results from this survey.

Considering that many new college students are 18, most were born in 1989. Since they were born, United States presidents have either been named George Bush or Bill Clinton; Richard M. Daley has been the mayor of Chicago; and Valparaiso University's Office of the President has been filled by one president, Dr. Alan Harre.

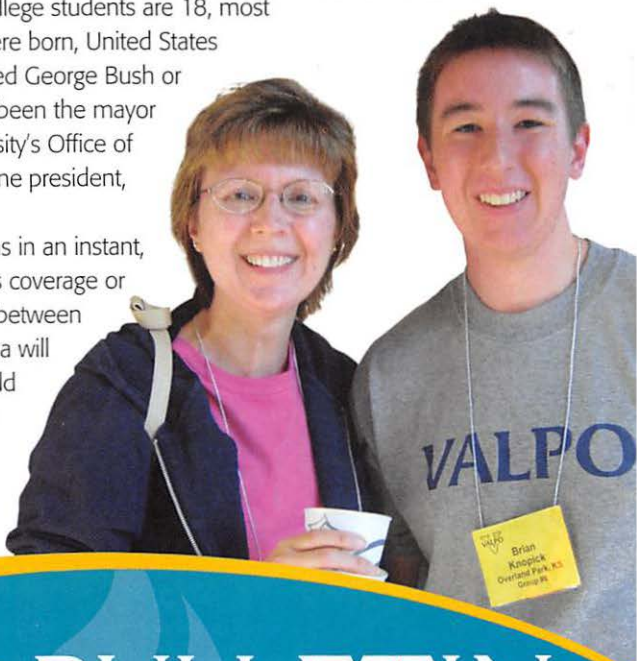
For this generation, life happens in an instant, whether it's receiving instant news coverage or instant messages. Since the time between now and receiving a Valpo diploma will also flash by in an instant, the Guild needs to get to work to provide a multitude of resources that will enhance their experience. 💡



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Carol and Brian Knopick from Overland Park, KS attend new student orientation.



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With One Voice

by Julie Thomas



As Guild members, we all have a personal story that connects us to Valparaiso University. Whether it is witnessing the education that Valpo provided to a student or experiencing a Valpo education ourselves, Valpo

means something special.

When we have the fortune of stumbling upon a place as first-class as Valpo and an organization as robust as the Guild, we want to sing its praises. Providing "word of mouth" endorsements is one way Guild members can promote the University and the Guild.

What to talk about:

- The Guild provides over \$50,000 annually in scholarship funds for undergraduate Valpo students.
- Through its Guild Campus Gift grants, the Guild will provide for student organizations and campus departments. This influences many students directly and even more students indirectly.
- As a national network, volunteers serve students from their community or work virtually with members to support our philanthropic efforts.
- And, the fact that the Guild has an endowment that supports its giving is impressive to many.

If shouting from a mountain top isn't your thing, then pass along this *Guild Bulletin*, the monthly e-updates or a copy of *VALPO Magazine*. Each has content that demonstrates how Valpo is superior at educating students.

Guild members can have a significant influence on others' knowledge about Valparaiso University. Please keep spreading the word! ♦

UNIVERSITY NEWS

A \$200 million campaign to support Valparaiso University will serve as the capstone of the 20-year leadership of **University President**

Dr. Alan F. Harre, who will retire at the end of the 2007-2008 academic year.

The University's Social Action Leadership Team (SALT) surpassed its \$10,000 goal by raising \$11,600 for its 2007 **"Mission Nutrition"** World Relief Campaign.

Theater productions taking place this fall include **A Phoenix Too Frequent** (Christopher Fry), **Into the Woods** (Stephen Sondheim and book by James Lapine) and **Miss Julie** (August Strindberg). Visit valpo.edu/theatre for details.

The campus landscape has changed significantly in 2007.

The Union will soon be enclosed, a new parking ramp is being used and traffic patterns have changed.

Two opportunities to see the campus are **Homecoming** (October 5-7) and **Family Weekend** (October 19-21).

2008 GUILD BOARD CANDIDATES

Three of the following five candidates will be elected to serve a three-year term (January 2008 – December 2010) on the Guild Board of Directors.

Election results will be announced in October.



JAN DUESENBERG
ST. LOUIS, MO
VU '73

Jan comes from a long line of Valpo graduates that continues to grow. As a teacher, she has many skills that would strengthen her leadership. She believes that Guild members possess a national mechanism for promoting Valpo.



LESLIE PAUL
SAN DIEGO, CA
VU '77

Leslie has experience working with several charitable organizations. She understands the direction the Guild is taking and brings ideas on how to engage volunteers in supporting the Guild.



CAROLYN HANES
GRAYSLAKE
(Chicago), IL
VU '73

Carolyn joined the Guild in 1981, the same year she received her MBA. She values the unique character the Guild demonstrates and feels that the Guild can meld the strengths of the past with the opportunities for the future.



KATE WURSTER
LANSDALE, PA
VU '95

Kate remembers interacting with Guild members as a Valpo student. Her relationship with the Guild deepened when she joined the Guild after graduation. Kate's strengths include technology and marketing.



KELLEY MADDEN
FAIRPORT, NY
VU '83

Kelley has the analytical abilities of a scientist and the diplomacy of a leader. Each area takes creativity, problem solving skills and interpersonal communication. She shares a high level of enthusiasm for Valpo and the Guild.

2007 GUILD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Class of 2007

Jennifer Campbell, '03
Christine DeLooze, '90
Dee Stritof, '63

Class of 2008

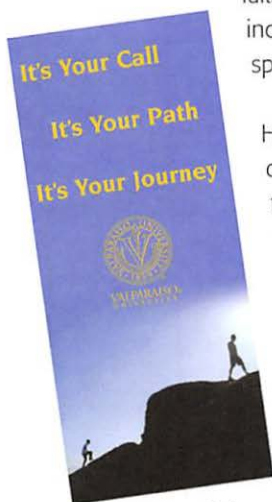
Candace Kilpinen, '89
Lois Mitchum, '06 (Honorary)
Kristy Paukner, '02

Class of 2009

Linda Deal, '88
Jackie Jungemann, '59
Sue Steinbruecker, '74

Discerning One's Calling

by Jill Lyons



Valparaiso University Center for Church Vocations prepares students for ministry in the church through events, activities and classes designed to enhance and enrich students' faith and maturity. With \$3.1 million in donations, the Center plans to increase its visibility through additional class offerings, on-campus speakers and stronger internship programs.

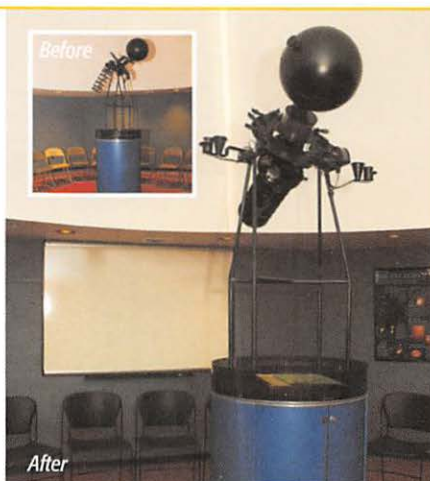
Director Renee Schoer joined the Center in October 2006. Her responsibilities include implementing vocational discernment opportunities, providing coherence to all Center programs and teaching courses to further the professional development of various church work programs (pre-seminary, youth, family and education ministers, church music, parochial school teacher and deaconess). Schoer has been on the road representing the University and the Center at various gatherings of church professionals this past year. "Ultimately, the goal is to make the Center more formalized and concrete," Schoer said. Students visit Schoer on a regular basis, seeking help with job openings, resumes and theological questions.

Schoer has more than 20 years experience in ministry and earned her Ph.D. in theology and education at Boston College. She finds this job to be exciting and challenging. "Not having graduated from Valpo, I am learning day-to-day about the students here on campus. They are a bright group of students...service-oriented and interested in what it means to be a person of faith." ✨

Thank You!

I want to thank the Guild on behalf of the Department of Physics and Astronomy for the gift that was given for new furnishings for the Planetarium. These are all in place and have added greatly to the appearance, comfort in seating and educational aspects of this campus facility.

BRUCE J. HRIVNAK
Prof. of Physics and Astronomy



MEET A MEMBER



Sally von Zirngibl

- > Home: Southern California
- > Valpo Connection: 1972 graduate
- > Family: Husband, Robert, 1972 graduate

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Valparaiso University served Sally (Johnson) von Zirngibl well in the years she attended from 1968-1972. She made close friendships, was well prepared for her occupation, was spiritually challenged and fulfilled, and met her husband! She also pledged Alpha Phi Delta and still enjoys mingling with sorority sisters. Some are fellow Guild members who live in San Diego where Sally herself resides.

She is currently a Literacy Specialist in Poway Unified School District, and loves reading children's books, running in close proximity to the Pacific Ocean and escaping to her cottage in northern Wisconsin in the summers to "cavort with the loons."

Sally encourages any Valpo grad to join the Guild because "Guild membership spans generations yet offers the common bond of the Valpo experience with its focus on supporting the University in prayer, projects, recruitment and scholarship." ♦

Matching Funds Further Mission

The Guild is grateful for the matching funds that were submitted from Guild members. Matching gifts to Valparaiso University go to the same programs where the original gift is designated (unless company policy requires otherwise). When remitted with a Guild contribution, the Guild receives the matching funds.

A total of \$11,066 was received from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in matching funds for the Guild Endowment Fund. Thrivent (thrivent.com) is a faith-based membership organization that values giving back to their members' congregations and communities. More than 200 members (30%) utilized this option making the Guild the Valpo group with the highest percentage of its supporters utilizing these matching gifts.

Employer matches resulted in \$835 from the following matching companies:

- Bank of America Foundation
- Eli Lilly & Company
- The Kellwood Foundation
- Shell Oil Company Foundation
- Square D Foundation
- Wells Fargo Bank
- Xerox Corporation

Guild members are asked to continue to use matching funds from their employer or Thrivent. Questions about matching funds may be directed to Valpo's matching gift coordinator at 800-803-7184 ext. 37. ♦

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

One of the greatest blessings the Valparaiso University Guild has afforded its members is the opportunity to connect with others. The tie that binds members together is a dedication for serving Valpo students. Members depend on other members to take part in the life of the Guild, creating a fellowship that transcends the task.

THE LOCAL LINK

In the Guild's early years, fellowship was created through chapters. Chapters, often congregationally based, hosted activities to inspire interest in Valpo. Over the years, the Guild established more than 270 chapters. Some chapters existed for a short period of time, others for decades.

Local connections continue to be vital to the Guild's ability to serve its mission. Geographical closeness makes it easy to serve on projects together. Milwaukee Suburban members celebrated 50 years of service in May. At that event, an interest survey was distributed to identify future projects. In addition, six Guild groups hosted summer events to welcome new students. Several areas have gatherings to kick-off the year.

REDEFINING COMMUNITY

Young alumni and current students have led the way toward building virtual community. The Guild started to build virtual community through its webpage and monthly e-update. Both share links to



Making Dinner Fun, a meal preparation center, donates a portion of proceeds on Guild fundraising nights.

campus news that strengthen a member's ability to promote Valpo. Alumni Relations has developed an online community allowing interaction, on which the Guild has its own group. A chat feature, which allows for online conversation, is anticipated in the future.

The Guild offers webinars which are online seminars. The visual comes over the web and audio comes over the phone. These popular workshops once only offered at Convention are now open to everyone. The Guild hosted its first webinar in November 2006 with Larry Mosher, Director of the Union sharing renderings of the new Union. Some Guild groups gathered in one location



Milwaukee Suburban's Basket Luncheon raised \$2995 in 2007.

for the webinar which allowed both local and virtual interaction.

Using technology reduces cost and increases

efficiency. Introducing Guild members to this technology now will be an advantage in the future.

CONNECTIONS FAR AND WIDE

National committees bring members together to work on specific projects. For example, the Christian Women's Conference has been planned by members from across the country. They convene early in the planning to plot the conference, then conduct business via conference calls and e-mail until joining once more just days before the conference begins.

Collaboration can take place between members for locally-based activities. Seeing what other groups do can spur ideas and a sharing of best practices.

All Guild members are now participating in activities once limited to a local area. For example, anyone may buy an Entertainment Book online—a project managed by San Diego members.

To facilitate this initiative, a Member-Originated Activities (MOA) proposal form has been introduced. Members focus on the project while the Guild office provides the publicity, address lists and funding.

EXPANDING THE NETWORK

By expanding the Guild network beyond the chapter model, the Guild is more open to introduce new ideas. Members will have greater choice in how they serve the Guild because it may be at a local capacity, through a national committee, or through virtual connections. Every member has been given the ability to contribute to the organization.



Students from the Rochester, NY area get to know each other and enjoy some food.

This equality among members reinforces the idea that every contribution counts toward the collective whole. What the Guild accomplishes as an organization is greater than what members could accomplish as individuals.

Though the way in which Guild members connect will continue to evolve, "The tie that binds our hearts in Christian love" remains the same. A commitment to the Guild's mission of serving students brings forth a "fellowship of kindred minds...like to that above." ✨

Toward Love & Good Deeds

The Guild's fourth biennial Christian Women's Conference (CWC) took place in May. Women from 18 states attended demonstrating how this weekend serves as both a spiritual retreat and, for some, a reunion with Valpo classmates.

The weekend started with laughter as Jan (Mindach '66) Struck presented her keynote address "I Love You Anyway!"



Jan (Mindach '66) Struck dazzled the audience as keynote speaker. (Union construction in the background!)

The keynote continued on Saturday morning with "If Love Were Easy, Everyone Would Do It."

The Planning Committee included Sue Mullen, Chair; Ann Ashmon, Publicity; Kathy Helge, Secretary; Gail Kueffner-Haw, Worship; Stephanie Stalmah, Logistics; and Diane Vollrath, Speakers.

A committee has been appointed to review the CWC, because since the first conference in 2001, the campus calendar and landscape have changed. This review committee will provide suggestions on how to enhance the quality programming. The review committee includes past CWC committee chairs: Linda Deal, Lorraine Dorrough, Kristine Fox and Sue Mullen. ♦



Participants wound yarn around nails using different colors of yarn for each prayer petition to create a rainbow of promise.

Annual Meeting Recap

The Guild's 2007 Annual Meeting took place on May 6. For the Guild, the annual meeting serves to report the activities of the past year and the accomplishments to the membership.

Included in this year's meeting were four reports: Julie Thomas, Guild Director, presented a "State of the Guild" which included information from the Member Originated Activities committee chaired by Linda Deal. Preliminary financial data was shared by Guild Treasurer, Lois Mitchum. The five 2008 Guild Board candidates were announced by Kathy Sauer from the Nominating Committee. Candace Kilpinen, Guild Chair, shared her report identifying the specific ways that Valparaiso University benefited from the Guild's service.

President Alan Harre gave a "State of the University" update highlighting the need for Guild members to promote the University in their communities as well as the necessity of building the University's endowment.

The 2008 Annual Meeting will take place during Homecoming 2008. ♦

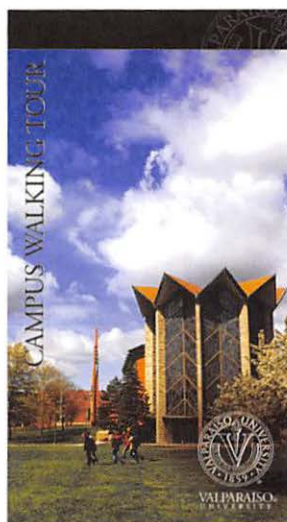
Alumni Association Awards Given

Several Guild members will be among those honored at Homecoming for receiving Alumni Association awards.

- > **The Alumni Achievement award** recognizes alumni who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their chosen profession. **Linda (Ivett '78) Allen**, a Guild member from the Atlanta area, is employed at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company.
- > **Susan (Mellendorf '80) Dippold** and **Janyce (Schur '73) Duesenberg** will both receive the **Alumni Service award** for their service to the University not only through the Guild, but also as Valpo Admission Network participants. Susan, from Huntersville, NC, served on the University's Board of Directors and as Guild President (2002–2006). She is on the College of Nursing's National Council. Jan and her husband, who live in St. Louis, MO, serve on the Parents Council.
- > As individuals and as a couple, **Hank '65 and Kathy (Boerger '65) Bardenhagen**, from Racine, WI, have provided service to the University. They will receive the **Partners in Service award**.
- > **Debbi Miner**, from Oconomowoc, WI, will receive the **Honorary Alumni award**. She has volunteered through the Guild, Parents Council, and Valpo Admission Network. ✨

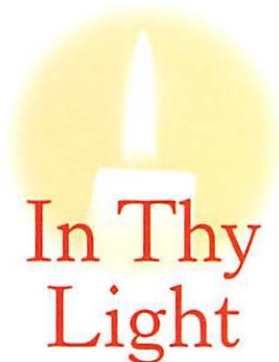
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Bruce Berner <i>Valparaiso, IN</i>	Jeff Dippold <i>Huntersville, NC</i>	Susan Hooker <i>Crystal Lake, IL</i>
Andrea Bolitho <i>Tucson, AZ</i>	Kathryn Dorn <i>Holladay, UT</i>	Marilyn Hormann <i>Fort Wayne, IN</i>
Susan Bolitho <i>Anthem, AZ</i>	Christine Eid <i>Plymouth, MN</i>	Paul Jud <i>Dardenne Prairie, MO</i>
Cindy Bondi <i>Bettendorf, IA</i>	Dee Forsyth <i>Sarasota, FL</i>	Kathryn McEnery <i>Valparaiso, IN</i>
Howard Claussen <i>Wilmington, DE</i>	Nancy Guth <i>Dayton, OH</i>	Kathy Petrik <i>Commerce, MI</i>
Norman Conrad <i>Tulsa, OK</i>	Karen Harris <i>Wallingford, CT</i>	Ruth Sterrett <i>Strongsville, OH</i>



The VU Guild funded a campus tour walking guide as one of its 2005 Guild Campus Gift grants.

*“Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us,
and we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.”*



by Jill Lyons

Life in college is a thrilling, challenging, and altogether an amazing experience. At no other point in one's life are there more opportunities for friendship, volunteerism, academics and more...but how much time is there for God?

As I get caught up in activities and daily responsibilities, I find myself slipping into the “Valpo bubble”, a term used by Valpo students to describe focusing solely on college life. Living in the Valpo bubble prevents quiet moments to reflect on what is ultimately important. There are times when I set God aside to complete schoolwork, spend time with friends or work extra hours. I'm left with guilt.

“Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.” Psalm 100:3 reminds me that while I think my decisions are purely my own, God leads and guides me. My commitment to Him must be strong and true. I am thankful to attend a university where faith is incorporated into life. There are many occasions to slow down and take the time to pray or spend a few moments with God. Living in the Valpo bubble, I find the most peace when I remember God's everlasting presence. ✨

Jill is a senior public relations major from Bethalto, IL.

Member Originated Activities

As the Guild strives to build its Guild Endowment Fund, membership network and image, members have been given a Member Originated Activity (MOA) **Project Proposal Form** to help plan all Guild events.

The **MOA Proposal Form** should be used whether requesting start-up funds or not. This allows the Guild to support all activities taking place.

A limited amount of start up funds are available, so members are encouraged to submit the MOA form early. The Guild office can pay vendors directly or can reimburse receipts. It is essential that groups return the start up funds, proceeds and an evaluation form within 30 days.

The forms are available online at valpo.edu/guild/tools. Questions about the forms or a specific activity may be directed to the Guild office (800-748-4538). ✨

MEET A MEMBER



Tara Martinez

- > Home: Brooklyn, MN
- > Valpo Connection: 1999 graduate
- > Family: Husband, Michael

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Tara (Stormoen) Martinez joined the Guild because she loves being able to connect with other alums and people across different generations that support Valpo and current VU students. She has so many fond memories of her time at Valparaiso University, including sorority rush and bid night, Advent Vespers, Songfest, Union Board Bijou movie nights, popcorn at the Union info desk, helping underclassmen move into the dorms each fall, and graduation. She loved the University so much that she even stayed for two summers working on campus.

Tara currently serves as the Director of Student Life at Minneapolis Community & Technical College, and has many professors and university staff to thank for why she took this position. Although she loves her work, she also spends her time rollerblading, working on arts and crafts projects, watching movies and spending time with her Siberian husky, Hobbes. ⚡

Upcoming Events

October 3-5 – Guild Board of Directors Meeting

October 5-7 – Homecoming

October 6 – Football Stand Volunteers needed when Valpo plays San Diego*

October 11-14 – Fall Break

October 13 – Football Stand Volunteers needed when Valpo plays Butler*

October 19-21 – Family Weekend

October 20 – Football Stand Volunteers needed when Valpo plays Dayton*

October 26 – Halloween Care Package Packing, 10 am, Art & Psych Room 14

October 27 – Football Stand Volunteers needed when Valpo plays Morehead State*

October 30 – Halloween Care Package Delivery (7 pm, Art & Psych Room 14)

December 14 – Annual Advent Vespers 7 and 10 pm

December 16 – Winter Commencement

December 22-January 2 – Guild Office closed for the holidays

**To volunteer for the Guild's football stand, please call Margaret Mundt at 219-462-4056.*

Submit information on Guild activities to be listed online and in the Guild Bulletin by e-mailing guild@valpo.edu or calling 1-800-748-4538.

Undergraduate Research Grant Recipients

Over the course
of the 2006-2007
academic year,
the following
22 students
benefited from
funds provided
through the Guild's
undergraduate
research fund.
This fund,
established
as the Guild's
1998-2001
National Project,
awarded grants
ranging from
\$50 to \$500:

Benjamin Anderson
Sarah Benczik
Justin Bossert
Hannah Cartwright
Ashley Coulter
Paige Cox
Audrey Hall
Gale Joll
Kristen Kardas
Joshua Kellams
Ariana Mankerian
Jeffrey Massura
Eric Matul
Erin McElwee
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